



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/516,450 Confirmation No.: 2998
Applicant : Gary E. GILBERT and JIALAN SHI
Filed : December 2, 2004
Title : METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR INHIBITING OR SLOWING BLOOD COAGULATION
Group Art Unit : 1653
Examiner : Desai, Anand U.
Atty. Docket No. : US 1418/04
Date : November 21, 2006

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) of June 26, 2006, the period for filing a response to which having been extended by four months, from July 26, 2006 to November 26, 2006, by virtue of concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.